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From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: ASSIGNMENT OF A NAME TO A GUIDED MISSILE DESTROYER

1. Purpose. To advise addressees of the approved name for a guided missile destroyer.

2. Classification and Name. The following name is hereby effective:

CLASSIFICATION

DDG 93

NAME

CHUNG-HOON

3. Name Source. CHUNG-HOON (DDG 93) honors Rear Admiral Gordon P. Chung-Hoon, USN (1910-1979), holder of the Navy Cross and Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry and extraordinary heroism while Commanding Officer of SIGSBEE (DD 502) (May 1944-October 1945). In the spring of 1945, SIGSBEE assisted in the destruction of 20 enemy planes while screening a carrier striking force off the Japanese island of Kyushu. On 14 April 1945, while on radar picket station off Okinawa, SIGSBEE came under heavy air attack. A kamikaze crashed into the ship, knocking out her port engine and steering control and reducing her starboard engine to five knots. Despite this damage, then-Commander Chung-Hoon coolly kept his antiaircraft guns delivering "prolonged and effective fire" against the continuing air attack while he directed the damage control efforts that allowed SIGSBEE to make port under her own power. Commanding JOHN W. THOMASON (DD 760), he conducted patrol and bombardment missions during the Korean War; in command of the weapons test ship NORTON SOUND (AVM 1) during 1956-57, he took part in developing the Terrier and Tartar antiaircraft missiles.

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